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Carson Announces Over \$19,000 for Onapa Fire Department

Washington, D.C. --

Today, Second District Congressman Brad Carson (D-OK) announced the awarding of a \$19,800 grant to the Onapa fire department. The department will use its award towards the purchase of a new vehicle. The grant is part of a joint program offered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the United States Fire Administration (USFA) in which grants are made directly to local fire departments in order to make communities more disaster resistant.

"I am excited that we were able to join as a team with the Onapa fire department to fight hard for this funding, and that FEMA acknowledged the city of Checotah was deserving of these funds," said Congressman Carson. "Each day we witness our firefighters and rescue personnel respond to countless emergencies requiring sophisticated equipment and hours of training. This grant will help to ensure that the Miami fire department will have the tools needed to face these emergencies."

FEMA received more than 19,700 applications containing a total of 30,878 requests for assistance (the total number of requests for assistance exceeds the total number of applications because many applications contained requests for more than one funding). The total dollar value of the requests was approximately \$2.98 billion; FEMA was appropriated \$100 million to fulfill those requests and expect to award only 1,500-2,000 grants for the entire nation.

"Since taking office, I made it a top priority to push for awareness of grant funding in order to help Oklahoma receive the grant funding we deserve," said Congressman Carson. "This money is too precious to just be left on the table. It is time Oklahoma starts receiving the money Oklahoma needs and deserves."

Since July 23, FEMA has awarded 844 departments nationwide a total of \$43.4 million. The state of Oklahoma has received 36 awards totaling \$1,116,442. In Congressman Carson's Congressional District, twelve departments have been funded

with \$436,930.

“I am grateful so many departments across Northeastern Oklahoma have been awarded funding. This money is beneficial not only to the departments, but also the communities as improved fire protection helps keep families safe and can lead to lower insurance rates within the fire district.”

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